

A RESOLUTION**BY: COUNCILMEMBER MARY NORWOOD**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE MAYOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION BEGIN PREPARATIONS TO REVISE PART 16 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA (ZONING) AND ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$100,000 AS A LINE ITEM IN THE 2005 BUDGET FOR PURPOSE OF HIRING CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE AND ASSIST IN THE REVISION.

WHEREAS, Part 16 of the City Code of the City of Atlanta contains the regulations governing zoning; and

WHEREAS, the last major revision of the Zoning Code was drafted and approved by the City Council and the Mayor in 1980 and became effective in 1982; and

WHEREAS, the city of Atlanta has witnessed a significant change in population and development patterns - since the adoption of the present Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, the current Zoning Code has created a number of new zoning districts with very specific regulations to meet the demands of the present growth and development patterns; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Atlanta to help foster greater livability by creating vibrant environments where the quality of life can be improved and "smart growth" encouraged; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to support the preservation and development of single family neighborhoods and to encourage compatible new construction where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, a Zoning Code that coordinates the concepts expressed by the various zoning districts and applies them more widely and more uniformly would assist the Department of Planning and Development in their efforts to encourage the smart growth of the city and facilitate regulations that are easily understood and enforced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

SECTION ONE: That the Mayor and the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development are requested to revise the Zoning Code to better address the present pattern of growth and development.

SECTION TWO: That the 2005 budget reflect a \$100,000.00 line item for the revision of the Zoning Ordinance.